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Please amend the Abstract at page 38 as follows:

A food preparation appliance [is disclosed. The appliance] includes a food preparation container and a base unit. The base unit includes a stirring mechanism drive and a heating element. The heating element comprises an induction heating element. [The stirring mechanism drive includes a motor which drives a drive pin.] The base unit has a control panel for use in controlling the stirring mechanism drive and the heating element. In one or more embodiments, the base unit includes a processor and memory storage device controlling [. Specific control sequences are stored and may be processed, whereby] the stirring and heating mechanisms [operate] in a specific sequence and manner of operation. [In one embodiment, control information, such as cooking control instructions associated with a particular recipe of food to be prepared, may be downloaded from a remote location to the base unit via a telecommunication link.] The food preparation container comprises a specially configured pot having [. The pot has] a mixer which is removably located in its interior and configured to be rotated with the stirring mechanism drive. The mixer includes a helical central blade and an outwardly extending wiping blade. [The mixer includes a spindle for connection to the drive pin of the base unit via a connecting rod.] The pot may be removed from the base unit and used independently thereof.